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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State volleyball squad hosts the 11th edition of the Chatham Orthopedics Pirate Volleyball Classic, beginning Friday, September 11 at Alumni Arena. Seven of the southeast's most talented NCAA Division II teams will descend upon Savannah for 13 matches covering two days.

The host Pirates (6-1), the defending NCAA DII Southeast Region champions, welcome in three other teams who participated in the 2008 NCAA DII Volleyball Championships - Wingate (9-0), Lander (6-0) and Lynn (6-1). The Wingate Bulldogs, in fact, bring in an impressive 34-match regular season win streak into this weekend's action, while the Lander Bearcats are off to their best start in program history. Lynn's start is its best since the 2001 season when the Knights went 8-1 to begin the season.

Barry (3-1) is also in the tournament field, out of the Sunshine State Conference - the Bucs are three-time DII National Champions, winning titles in 1995, 2001 and 2004. DII and Peach Belt Conference newcomer Flagler (5-4) has won five straight as the Saints battle for a first trip to the NCAA Championships in its first year of eligibility, while Queens (NC) (3-3) looks to continue an upswing as the Conference Carolinas school had its best finish in the league since 2004-05 a year ago.

Play begins on Friday at Noon with Wingate taking on Queens (NC) and Barry taking on Flagler. At 4:00 p.m., Lynn plays Flagler and Barry faces Lander, with first-day action wrapping up at 7:00 p.m. with host AASU facing Wingate and Lynn taking on Queens (NC).

Saturday's play begins at 11:00 a.m. as Wingate meets Flagler and Lander faces Queens (NC). At 1:30 p.m. the host Pirates take on Barry with Lynn meeting Lander, then at 4:30 p.m., Flagler takes on Queens (NC) and Barry faces Wingate. The Classic wraps up at 6:00 p.m. when host AASU meets Lynn.

All matches will be taking place at Alumni Arena with both courts hosted at the Sports Center. Fans can follow along with all the action online at the official tournament site: <http://aasupirates.com/sports/vball/2009-10/vb2009classic>.





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